

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT****Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of an Information  
Collection: Court Orders Affecting  
Retirement Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an information collection. Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits, requires former spouses of Federal employees to provide specific information needed for OPM to make court-ordered benefit payments. This information is needed to identify affected employees and to certify that the court-order remains in effect.

Approximately 19,000 former spouses apply for benefits based on court orders annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to apply. The annual burden is 9,500 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

Mary Ellen Wilson, Acting Chief,  
Retirement Policy Division,  
Retirement and Insurance Service,  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management,  
1900 E Street, NW, Room 4351,  
Washington, DC 20415  
and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer,  
Office of Information and Regulatory  
Affairs, Office of Management and  
Budget, New Executive Office  
Building, NW, Room 10235,  
Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING  
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:**  
Donna G. Lease, Budget &  
Administrative Services Division, (202)  
606-0623, U.S. Office of Personnel  
Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
Director.

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**POSTAL SERVICE****Information Based Indicia Program  
(IBIP)**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public  
meeting on IBIP.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service will be hosting an IBIP Public Meeting. The purpose of the IBIP Public meeting is to provide an update of latest program activities. It will be held on Thursday, September 3, 1998, at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001-4427.

**DATES:** To register attendance at the September 3rd meeting, call Dana Brown at (202) 268-6794. Reservations may be made until August 14, 1998; however, we encourage you to call earlier as there is limited seating available.

**Stanley F. Mires,**  
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****Sunshine Act Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on July 29, 1998, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

*Portion open to the public:*

(1) Proposed responses to letters to the President proposing an amendment to the Railroad Retirement Act to permit employees to retire with an unreduced annuity under the RRA at age 55 after 30 years of service, whichever comes first.

*(2) Employee Suggestion 1448*

(Addition of agency's website address to letterhead stationary).

*(3) Coverage Determinations:*

A. Railroad Ventures, Inc.

B. Decision on Reconsideration—Huron Transportation Group, Huron Development and Construction, RailAmerica Services Corporation.

(4) Revised Form HA-1. Appeal under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

*(5) Year 2000 Issues.**Portion closed to the public:*

(A) Request to Establish a Permanent Lead Specialist in the Staffing Section of the Bureau of Personnel.

(B) Request to Establish a GS-13 Auditor Position and Abolish a GS-12/

11/09/07 Auditor Position in the Audit and Compliance Section.

The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

Secretary to the Board.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**

[Release No. IC-23316; 812-11002]

**Allmerica Investment Trust, et al;  
Notice of Application**

July 15, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange  
Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act, and from certain disclosure requirements under the Act.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants request an order to permit them to enter into and amend subadvisory agreements without receiving shareholder approval, and grant relief from certain disclosure requirements regarding advisory fees paid to the subadvisers.

**APPLICANTS:** Allmerica Investment Trust ("Trust") and Allmerica Financial Investment Management Services, Inc. ("Adviser").<sup>1</sup>

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on February 10, 1998 and amended on July 2, 1998.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 10, 1998, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service.

<sup>1</sup> Applicants request relief with respect to future series of the Trust, and any other registered open-end management investment company advised by the Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser. All existing investment companies that currently intend to rely on the order have been named as applicants, and any other existing or future investment companies that subsequently rely on the order will comply with the terms and conditions of the application.